

IN THE CLAIMS

For the convenience of the Examiner, all pending claims of the present Application are presented below whether or not an amendment has been made. Please amend the claims as follows:

1. **(Currently Amended)** A method of automatically deploying program units to a cluster of networked servers, comprising:

assembling one or more program units for deploying to a cluster of networked servers;

retrieving information related to the cluster of networked servers **from a deployment server;**

automatically, and without user input, generating deployment descriptors from the information **retrieved from the deployment server;** and

deploying the one or more program units to the cluster using at least the deployment descriptor.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, ~~wherein the generating comprises:~~

~~generating deployment descriptors from the information; and~~
further comprising creating providing naming and directory interface binding files.

3. **(Original)** The method of claim 1, wherein the retrieving comprises automatically retrieving information related to one or more application servers in the cluster.

4. **(Original)** The method of claim 3, further comprising:
dynamically allowing a user to select from the one or more application servers.

5. (Currently Amended) ~~The method of claim 1,~~ A method of automatically deploying program units to a cluster of networked servers, comprising:

assembling one or more program units for deploying to a cluster of networked servers;

retrieving information related to the cluster of networked servers;

generating deployment descriptors from the information; and

deploying the one or more program units to the cluster using at least the deployment descriptor; and

wherein the retrieving comprises:

automatically retrieving information related to one or more virtual hosts in the cluster.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 5, further comprising:
dynamically allowing a user to select from the one or more virtual hosts.

7. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the retrieving comprises determining a type of application server installed on one or more nodes to which to deploy the program units.

8. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the assembling further comprises providing a user interface to gather information from a user about the one or more program units being deployed.

9. (Original) The method of claim 1, wherein the cluster of networked servers includes at least an application server and one or more clones of the application server.

10. (Original) The method of claim 1, further including allowing re-deploying of already deployed one or more program units to the cluster. S

11. **(Currently Amended)** A program storage device readable by machine, tangibly embodying a program of instructions executable by the machine to perform method steps of automatically deploying program units to a cluster of networked servers, comprising:

assembling one or more program units for deploying to a cluster of networked servers;

retrieving information related to the cluster of networked servers from a deployment server;

automatically, and without user input, generating deployment descriptors from the information retrieved from the deployment server; and

deploying the one or more program units to the cluster using at least the deployment descriptor.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The program storage of claim 11, ~~wherein the generating comprises:~~ further comprising:

~~generating deployment descriptors from the information; and~~

further comprising creating ~~providing~~ naming and directory interface bidding files.

13. **(Currently Amended)** A system automatically deploying program units to a cluster of networked servers, comprising:

data source management module operable to retrieve data source information from an application server to which to deploy one or more program units;

cluster management module operable to retrieve cluster information related to the application server; and

container management module ~~operable to retrieve container information related to the application server,~~ operable to:

retrieve container information related to the application server; and
automatically, and without user input, generate deployment
descriptors from the information retrieved container information;

wherein the data source information, cluster information, ~~and container~~ container information, and deployment descriptors are used to automatically deploy the one or more program units to a cluster of networked servers.

14. **(Original)** The system of claim 13, further including:
a user interface module to retrieve information from a user related to one or more user preferences for deploying the one or more program units.

15. **(Original)** The system of claim 14, wherein the user interface module is further operable to allow the user to change the retrieved data source information.

16. **(Original)** The system of claim 14, wherein the user interface module is further operable to allow the user to select a target cluster from the retrieved cluster information, to which to automatically deploy the one or more program units.

17. **(New)** The method of claim 1, wherein the retrieving comprises:
automatically retrieving information related to one or more virtual hosts in the cluster.

18. **(New)** The method of claim 17, further comprising:
dynamically allowing a user to select from the one or more virtual hosts.
19. **(New)** The method of claim 5, wherein the retrieving comprises
determining a type of application server installed on one or more nodes to which to deploy
the program units.
20. **(New)** The program storage device of claim 11, wherein the retrieving
comprises determining a type of application server installed on one or more nodes to
which to deploy the program units.